

News Briefs

**Top-3 steak sale**  
The Columbus AFB Top-3 organization sponsors a steak sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the community center. Cost is \$8 for an 8-ounce steak, baked potato, baked beans, roll and a beverage. All proceeds will benefit the Enlisted Heritage Foundation.

**Law Day essay contest**  
In recognition of Law Day, the legal office is sponsoring an essay contest for enlisted personnel grades E-1 through E-4 and area high school students in ninth through twelfth grades. All entries must be submitted to the legal office no later than Monday. Entrants must type a 1,000- to 1,250-word essay on the subject, "The American Jury: We the People in Action." References can be made to the jury system, the Constitution, the U.S. Armed Forces or to personal experiences. Prizes include a \$250 savings bond, and lunch with the wing commander and the legal office staff. For more information, call Ext. 7030.

**MPF closure**  
The military personnel flight will close from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 6 in support of an official squadron function.

**Electronic Classroom terminated**  
Due to a funding shortage and lack of use, the education center's electronic classroom has been terminated. For questions or to discuss alternate ways to pursue a degree, call the center at Ext. 2562.

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**FEATURE 10**

SUPT Class 05-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today at the base theater.

Take me out to the ball game



Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, meets Mississippi State University catcher Thomas Berkery before the MSU versus the University of Kentucky baseball game Sunday. Colonel Wilson was invited to throw the game's opening pitch. MSU defeated Kentucky, 3-2, in a ninth inning rally.

CAFB earns state forestry award

The Mississippi Urban Forest Council and Mississippi Forestry Commission will honor Columbus AFB during the Celebration of Trees state-wide event today for receiving the 2005 Small Government Urban and Community Forestry Award in recognition of its outstanding environmental contributions. "The beauty and overall feel of the urban forest is a major contributor to the pride and morale of Columbus AFB personnel and dependents," said Mike Smith, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight chief. "Therefore, a well-managed Urban Forestry Program is a necessity." The objectives of the base Urban Forestry Program are to maintain and provide healthy, low maintenance trees in the working and living areas of Columbus AFB, which will improve the aesthetics and provide shade on the base.

Columbus AFB celebrated Arbor

Day with a ceremony April 15, during which recently planted trees on base were recognized. Last year, three trees were planted around the child development center. The vice wing commander and 14th Mission Support Group deputy commander shoveled mulch on the trees with children while teaching them the history and significance of Arbor Day.

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Commissary Awareness Month focuses on healthier choices

Bonnie Powell  
Defense Commissary Agency

May is Commissary Awareness Month, and the emphasis is on nutrition and savings. "Making healthy choices is our focus this year," said Patrick Nixon, acting director and chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency. "Customers can choose to get healthy and stay healthy by shopping their commissary for nutritious, fresh food at 'healthy' savings of 30 percent or more. That's it plain and simple." Customers can look forward to a host of popular activities at their commissary during celebrations in May. "There will be a worldwide case lot sale, and single service and young military member tours, as well as health and wellness tours," Mr. Nixon said. "And it's National Physical Fitness month, too — a good time to 'exercise' your right to save money by shopping every single aisle of the commissary!" A special Web page on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) is up and running with a list of store dates and links to each commissary's spotlighting page where customers can find details such as store hours and some sale items, if available. Case lot sale savings typically average up to 50 percent or more compared to regular retail prices on paper goods, canned goods, cleaning supplies, beverages and more. The commissary tour theme for 2005 is "It's Your Choice, Make It Healthy," which ties in with TRICARE's new "Healthy Choices for Life" campaign aimed at combating alcoholism, tobacco use, and obesity among military members and their families. "It's Your Choice, Make it Healthy" is DeCA's partnering effort to educate customers about the advantages of using the commissary benefit to shop for healthy, fresh foods — and at



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez  
**Shoppers like Stella Pratt can choose from nutritious foods at a savings of 30 percent or more at the commissary.**

lower prices than can be found anywhere outside the gate. Early May is also the timeframe when 500 winners of \$1,500 college scholarships in the annual Scholarships for Military Children program will be announced. Scholarship ceremonies are held at installations from mid-May throughout the summer to honor the deserving winners and promote commissary involvement in the community. The program, administered by Fisher House Foundation, has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships since 2001.

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In 2003, a group of trees were planted on Arbor Day to serve as a screen for a Regensis Plant located directly outside of the base. This screen will develop as the trees mature. Other activities that helped Columbus AFB receive the award include its Urban Tree Inventory, which was established at the beginning of 2004. The inventory will help the base develop a tree maintenance plan, recruiting Mississippi State Landscape

Architect students to help beautify the base and developing a Wing Tree Policy Instruction to set guidelines for planting and maintaining trees. Columbus AFB also recently received the Tree City USA award for the 12th consecutive year. The award will be presented to more than 28 cities and towns throughout Mississippi for fulfilling requirements including a city tree board or forestry department, a city tree ordinance, an urban forest management program supported by a minimum budget of \$2 per capita, and a citywide observance and proclamation of Arbor Day.

*(Editor's note: In recognition of the Golden Triangle Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Day Saturday, the 14th CES Environmental Flight will collect household waste items from military family housing today and deliver them to the Golden Triangle Regional Landfill. Acceptable items include: aerosols, household cleaners, automobile fluids, oil filters, tires (without rims), lighter fluid, batteries, chlorine, herbicides, pesticides, paint, rubber, cement, wood finish, rodent poison and electronic waste. Housing residents must place items curbside for collection no later than 1 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 7406.)*

DUI status

**"Don't Drink and Drive"**  
**Last DUI:** March 25, 2005  
**Days since last DUI:** 35  
**Unit:** 37th Flying Training Squadron



Law Day mock trial

The 14th Flying Training Wing legal office sponsors an hour-long mock trial for Yum E. Pig May 6 in the Columbus AFB courtroom in the wing headquarters building. The time has been changed from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The jury will be comprised of children from the Columbus AFB youth center and all BLAZE TEAM members are invited to attend.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (06-03)	2.91 days	0.13 days	June 3	48th (05-08)	0 days	2.57 days	Today	T-37	2,503	2,215	16,610
41st (06-02)	0.62 days	1.49 days	May 17	50th (05-08)	2.0 days	-0.83 days	Today	T-38C	1,173	1,192	8,644
								T-1A	1,113	1,055	7,711

Graduation speaker: Maj. Gen. Robert Elder Jr., Air War College commandant



# Airmen receive panoramic night-vision goggles

**1st Lt. David Cromwell**  
Aeronautical Systems Center

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Nighttime missions are going to get a whole lot clearer, and that is only the beginning of a much-anticipated acquisition program here.

Air Force special operations aircrews received their first shipment of 20 panoramic night-vision goggles April 25.

The current contract calls for 400 goggles, and officials plan to deliver about 20 goggles a month to the field, said Todd Depoy, PNVG system program manager with the combat systems squadron here.

The squadron is responsible for the system development, demonstration, production, fielding and sustainment of cross-platform programs.

The panoramic goggles provide pilots a 95-degree field of view compared to the standard goggles 40 degrees. It does this by using four smaller (16 mm) image intensifier tubes rather than the two traditional (18 mm) ones.

An auto-gating feature that works independently on each of the tubes also protects pilots from visual degradation if

and when they encounter bright lights such as flares. The tube exposed to the high light source automatically reduces gain, which blocks out the light, while allowing the other tubes to retain visual acuity and situational awareness for the pilot.

“The (PNVGs) are an evolutionary growth in night combat capability,” said Lt. Col. Terrence Leary, squadron commander. “They improve the aircrew’s overall situational awareness and safety by more than doubling the current field of view. This will allow the aircrew to perform near-daytime tactics at night, reducing their time in the threat envelope and improving their targeting and tracking capabilities.”

The first special operations Airmen to receive the PNVGs are the AC-130 gunship and MC-130 Combat Talon aircrews. Additional fielding is scheduled for Air Combat Command A-10 Thunderbolt II and Air Mobility Command C-17 Globemaster III units.

This delivery is the first step in the program that was first flown in 2001 as an advanced technology demonstration at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Two more panoramic goggle upgrades have already been planned, officials said.



U.S. Air Force photo

**A pilot with the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., tests panoramic night-vision goggles on an A-10 Thunderbolt II.**

❑ Never let anyone into your home to use your phone, bathroom or anything else. Your home is not a public phone booth or a public restroom. If there is an emergency outside your home, call 9-1-1 for help and tell the sheriff or police what is going on. They will send someone to your home.

❑ If you call 9-1-1 for help, don’t hang the phone up. Leave the receiver off the hook and dangling after you talk to the dispatcher. This way, the police can still hear you I case anything happens before help arrives.

❑ Don’t talk to strangers on the phone, and never tell the person on the phone that your parents are not home and that you are alone. Tell the person that your parents are not able to come to the phone at this moment, that you will take their name and number, and that your parents will return their call when they can.

❑ If there is someone hanging around near your home, call for help by dialing 9-1-1. Tell the dispatcher what the person is doing and give a description of the person. Help will be sent to you. *(Courtesy of the 14th Security Forces Squadron)*



## Crime Prevention Tips for Children

### When you are playing outside ...

❑ Stay away from curbs when you’re walking, and walk with friends. People may not bother you as easily if you’re with other friends.

❑ Let your parents or guardians know where you are going and how long you plan on being there. Tell them the route that you are going to use to get there

❑ Obey all traffic lights when crossing the street, and use the crosswalks.

❑ Don’t play near restrooms.

❑ Don’t play in streets or alleys. Instead, play at parks and playgrounds.

❑ Try to play in a group with friends. You’re safer in a group than you are by yourself. If you get in trouble when you’re with a group, there’s something there to help you.

❑ If someone driving a car stops and calls you to their vehicle, do not go near the car. Move away from the vehi-

cle. If possible, try to get a look at the driver or the person who is calling you as you move away. Also, try to remember the license plate, make and color of the car. Always run in the opposite direction of the car; never run in the direction that the car is facing. Then get to a safe place and tell an adult you trust about what happened. If you see a police officer on the street, stop him or her and tell them.

❑ Don’t ever talk to strangers on the street or accept anything from them such as money, candy or even a puppy. Never go with anyone, even if they tell you that they are looking for a lost person or pet. Get away from that person as quickly as possible. Tell an adult or the police what happened.

### When you are home alone ...

❑ Don’t open the door for anyone you don’t know. Keep the doors and windows locked. Ask your parents to teach you how to open and lock doors and windows.

How can I get stationed closer to my home state? And what can you tell me about the base of preference (BOP) program?

**First term Airmen can apply for a base of preference after three years in the Air Force. Additionally, these Airmen must have an approved career job reservation to be eligible for a BOP and reenlist prior to making a permanent change of station. Second term and career Airmen must have 41 months time on station to apply for a BOP, and may do so in conjunction with retraining. If denied, Airmen can reapply with different bases immediately or request the same bases after six months.**

*For more information, call Master Sgt. Shelli Fisher at Ext. 7009.*

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 24 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



# Learned lesson: Effective leadership is priceless

**Maj. Alessandra Stokstad**  
14th Mission Support Squadron



Only a few weeks away from the Operational Readiness Inspection and — wow! It is remarkable to see how people in so many different functions from all over the base have pulled together to finalize preparations.

Throughout this time, I have found myself — more than ever — analyzing and reevaluating how effective my leadership is in helping our squadron to prepare for the ORI and ultimately my fundamental beliefs about what makes a good leader.

All of us have been to some Air force course, technical school, or seminar on leadership and have heard so much about what makes a good leader. In some form or fashion, we all try to apply what we learn while working with people in our daily lives. But it isn’t until you find yourself in a leadership position that you are truly tested.

In my position as the 14th Mission Support Squadron commander, I have been tested time and again by challenges along the way and would like to

share what I have learned. I am a firm believer that leadership is a privilege, not a right. The respect and trust of your people are earned ... and recently, more than ever in my career, I have become aware of these truths. I have learned that although your position as a manager, supervisor or

commander gives you the authority to accomplish tasks within your organization, this power does not make you a leader; it just makes you the boss.

The true challenge in leadership is making people want to follow you. While juggling our daily taskings, we many times lose sight of what is really important — our people. They make it happen day in and day out.

To be a leader, you must understand that our people constantly evaluate whether or not to respect and follow us. They observe what we say and do to learn know who we really are.

Are you an honorable and trusted leader or self-serving only out to ensure your next promotion? Do you honestly care about them or just say so to pay lip service?

Conversely, as a leader you must also

know and understand your people in order to best determine how to motivate them and convey your vision for the future.

It is amazing sometimes how difficult being a leader may seem, but a few key elements have supported me throughout my career.

First, truly support your people. Don’t just say it — mean it.

Show your support by providing training, discipline, rewards, tools, guidance and direction.

Secondly, set standards and hold people accountable. It helps them understand how much you care and how much they should care.

Lastly, my best successes have been accomplished when I have listened to my people — plain and simple. God gave us two ears and one mouth, and we should use them proportionally, meaning we should listen twice as much as we talk.

I have encountered many people in responsible positions that think they need to do all the talking, all the directing and all the yelling to be an effective leader; when in reality, it makes people just plug their ears.

In today’s Air Force where manning is low, taskings are high and demands constant, we sometimes forget to listen to our people and become focused on bark-

ing orders just to meet suspenses and demands. Little do we know that we have great ideas and solutions in those teammates around us if we would just listen to them.

Empowering people can sometimes be a scary step; we are letting go of control and trusting others to get things done. But if we as leaders always have all the answers, then why should anyone turn on their brainpower to be innovative if no one will listen? Our people desire to be heard and given the power to do great things for the Air Force.

As leaders, we limit our success if we don’t listen to our people. Trusting people to provide valuable inputs and insight can reward leaders as well by earning their trust in you and their commitment to the job.

The bottom line is that leading is a privilege. If your people respect you, respond to your leadership, and follow you — it is truly priceless! We are surrounded by great people in the BLAZE TEAM.

As a commander, I have been blessed with an awesome team and I appreciate their tremendous efforts! I’m sure I have much more learning and growth ahead of me, but this I can speak of from experience: a leader may set the course or vision for the team, but it’s the people that determine the leader’s success!

## Confessions of a reality TV addict

**Maj. Dani Johnson**  
5th Bomb Wing

**MINOT AFB, N.D.** — I have to admit it. It’s tough to say out in the open, but I’m one of those — a reality TV addict. I must watch each week, and if I’m out of town, most of the ones I watch are taped so I don’t miss a thing.

How can an educated, intelligent Air Force officer such as me succumb to such a level? I usually use the excuse that when I returned from my overseas assignment, I was behind in all the series so I started watching. Actually, while that is somewhat true, I honestly like the idea of “normal” people achieving a goal and the drama of watching what people do to each other in stressful situations. It’s a study in human behavior to me.

For me, it’s not about who wins the money, but how they relate with each other. I’ve also learned some things from watching which can help me be a better leader.

As Airmen, we can learn from TV’s latest fad. Each day is a race, a challenge. How we act determines whether we will be around for one more day and stay a part of the best Air Force in the world or take the ultimate fall and be voted off or the last one to arrive

because we didn’t apply what we knew.

First, perseverance. Whether it’s “Amazing Race,” “Survivor” or “American Idol,” those who succeed are the ones who bounce back the next episode after having a completely rotten previous episode and barely make it to the next round.

Second, how would I react or should one react in the situation? It could be walking across a suspension bridge in a foreign country, tackling a team puzzle or receiving the harshest criticism possible. I determine what would be the best avenue for me if I was in the situation. This is important because I’m learning to put myself in another person’s shoes and think about the pros and cons of the situation.

Lastly, not every day is going to be great, but if you are with your loved ones, teammates or know what you are doing will achieve your final goal or dream, it’s worth it. I’m constantly amazed with the support people give each other in extreme situations. I’m also amazed at the lack of support many times. Stressful situations tell you who you can depend on. It reminds you of the importance of creating strong relations with people.

Yes, I’m a reality TV addict, but I can’t talk anymore, one of my shows is on.

## Career Assistance Advisor Tip of the Week

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.*

*Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

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T-1A Jayhawk

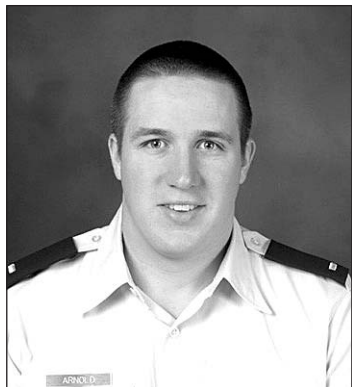


T-38C Talon

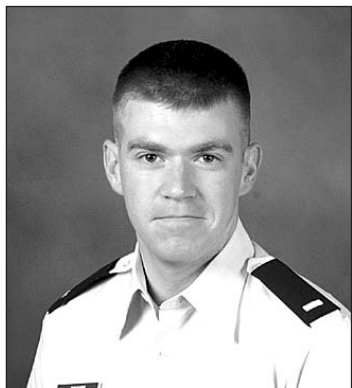
# SUPT Class 05-08 earns silver wings



**Capt. Robert Burdette**  
Newnan, Ga.  
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. William Arnold**  
Westminster, Md.  
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Justin Brown**  
Park City, Utah (ANG)  
C-17, Jackson, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Travis Elliott**  
Circleville, Ohio  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.

Fourteen officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-04 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Robert Elder Jr., Air War College commandant and Air University vice commander, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Air War College is the U.S. Air Force's senior professional military education institution providing post-graduate senior leader development programs focused on joint, multi-national, and multi-agency warfighting, as well as international security operations, air and space force strategy development, and national security planning.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

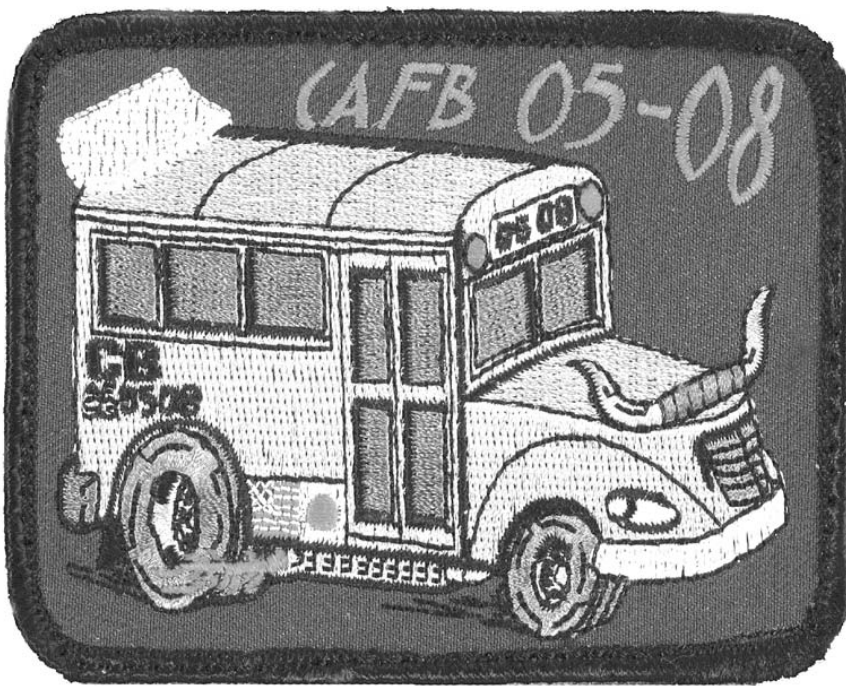
Capt. Robert Burdette, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Travis Elliott, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Gregory Brock, T-1, and Scott Meyer, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Captain Burdette and Lieutenant Elliott were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37



Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. **(Editor's note: The class' pilot partners are Doris Hardy/Century 21 and Bart Wise/Trustmark Bank.)**



**2nd Lt. Colby Blackwood**  
Hammond, La.  
C-17, McCord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Gregory Brock**  
Pinopolis, S.C.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Megan Galus**  
Monument, Colo.  
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



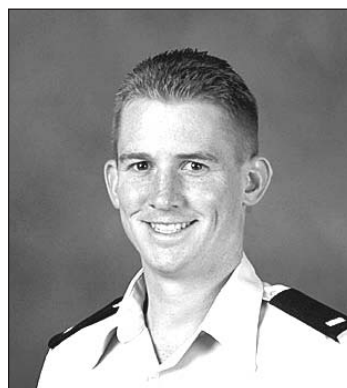
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C-17, McCord AFB, Wash.



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# Crafts center offers creative outlet for both youth, adults

**Pam Wickham**  
14th Services Division

In the present-day society's quest for uniformity and speed, an appreciation for arts and crafts is often times missing from people's lifestyles. The Columbus AFB arts and crafts center hopes to help rebuild a creativity that might otherwise be lost.

The arts and crafts center offers classes for youth at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays for \$4 per class. They can make a Mother's Day gift Wednesday, powder puff magnets May 11, a kaleidoscope May 18 and a travel tic tac toe game May 25.

Adults classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. People can bring their own glassware, such as vases, plates or cups, and learn how to create decorative dishes for \$6 Tuesday. Crafters can also make a patriotic sign for their

yards for \$8 May 10, a wooden planter for \$32 May 17, a mosaic pot for \$10 May 24 and a tulip frame for \$5 May 31.

Home decor classes are also offered at the arts and crafts center. Registration for these classes is required at least four days in advance. People can make a pyramid cabinet May 12 for \$35, including all supplies. The cabinet is 30-inches high, 18-inches wide and 18-inches deep.

BLAZE TEAM members can also construct a mirrored wall-mounted candle holder May 26 for \$15, including all supplies. The candle holder is 15 square inches and holds four votive candles.

Times for both home decor classes are 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

The arts and crafts center continuously seeks instructors for all types of craft classes. For more information about employment opportunities or craft center classes, call Joan Havens at Ext. 7836.



Pam Wickham

**Craft instructor Vanessa Jones shows Teresa Hardy how to create a decorative mosaic paver stone.**

## Services provides variety of leisure time activities

### Reduced prices for lunch buffets:

The Columbus Club offers a different buffet Tuesday through Friday. Cost is now \$5.95 for club members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Tuesday features Mexican cuisine, Wednesday is country-style cooking, Thursday has an Italian flair and Fridays offer a tri-continental selection of German, Asian and New England seafood. Call Ext. 2490.

### Services complex fees:

Effective Sunday, the 14th Services Division complex will be available for non-official functions for a nominal fee of \$35. This fee is to offset the cost of setting up and cleaning the facility after each use. The complex will still be available at no charge for official functions, such as commander's calls, promotion ceremonies and official briefings. Examples of non-official functions are birthday parties, wedding receptions and potluck luncheons. To reserve the 14th SVS complex for official and non-official functions, stop by the youth center to complete a reservation form. Call Ext. 2504.

### Mother and daughter bowling:

The bowling center offers two-for-one bowling Wednesday for all mother and daughter bowlers. Call Ext. 2426.

### Give parents a break:

The child development center and youth center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 7. Registration is required by Wednesday. Call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the child development center at Ext. 2479.

### Mother's Day specials:

The bowling center offers a special game rate of 50 cents a game for all mothers May 8 with complimentary soda, coffee or tea. Call Ext. 2426.

At Whispering Pines Golf course, mothers golf for half price May 8. Call Ext. 7932.

### Mother's Day buffet:

The Columbus Club offers this brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 8. Reservations are encouraged. Cost is \$12.95 for members and \$15.95 for nonmembers, \$6.50 for ages 6 to 12 and free for ages 5 and younger.

The menu is smoked quail, veal with marsala sauce, carved prime rib, stuffed shells, new roasted potatoes, julienne vegetables, broccoli and cheese casserole, fresh marinated vegetable medley, veggie tray, assorted cheese and cracker tray, fruit tray, smoked salmon canapes, garden salad with with assorted dressings, omelet and waffle station, bacon, scram-

bled eggs, sausage, hash browns, sausage gravy, buttermilk biscuits and assorted homemade desserts. Call Ext. 2490.

### Scrapbooking:

All levels of scrapbookers are invited to participate in a workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 14 at the 14th Services Division complex. Cost is \$10 per person. To register or for more information, call Lynn Bridges at 434-6935.

### Stampin' Up workshop:

Register by Sunday for the Stampin' Up workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19 or May 21 in the 14th Services Division complex. During the workshop, participants will make a 20 page 6-inch by 6-inch brag book (album and page protectors are not included). Cost is \$20 per person. To register or for more information, call 434-5076.

### Teen job skills seminar:

The youth center offers this seminar about the basics of lawn care at 6 p.m. May 7. Call Ext. 2504.

### Rent the marquee:

The Services complex is renting one side of its marquee for \$5 per day. People can wish spouses a happy anniversary, congratulate graduating students or publicize

upcoming fundraisers. Call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

### Summer vacations to Disney World,

**Universal Studios:** The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to Orlando, Fla., June 7 through June 11. Cost is \$415 for one person, \$265 each for two people, \$215 each for three people and \$190 each for four people with the same lodging accommodations. Costs include four nights lodging, transportation and an Orlando shuttle service. Reduced price ticket packages are available at ITT. Call Ext. 7861.

### Quick shot bingo:

The bowling center offers quick shot bingo any time the bowling center is open. Cash prizes are awarded. Cards are \$1 each. Call Ext. 2426

### Bowling birthday party package:

The bowling center offers birthday party packages for Saturdays and Sundays. Packages include a reserved seating area, a pitcher of soda for every four children, one 8-inch pizza for every two children, plates, utensils and napkins. One full hour of bowling with six children per lane and free shoe rental is also included. Cost is \$10 per child. For reservations, call Ext. 2426.

## Chapel Schedule

### Protestant announcements

There will be no religious education during May, but all classes will resume in June. Throughout June, there will be a one-room school house. All children enrolled in Sunday school will meet in the religious education wing at the chapel.

The protestant community will offer 100 days of combined worship services from May 29 to September 11.

For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

### Vacation Bible School

Registration for Columbus AFB's Vacation Bible School program, themed "Jerusalem Market Place," will begin Sunday. The program will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 6 through June 10 at the base chapel. A bus will pick up children in base housing and at the youth center. To register, volunteer or for more information, call Joy Garrison at 329-7518.

### Chapel yard sale

The base chapel sponsors a yard sale at 7 a.m. May 7. Donations for the sale may be dropped off at the chapel front office. The funds collected will benefit the new chapel kitchen and annex. For more information, call Senior Airman Manuel Avendano at Ext. 2500.

### Catholic

Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
10:45 a.m. — CCD at Bldg. 1052\*  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

### Protestant

Sunday:  
9 a.m. — Sunday school at Bldg. 1052\*  
10:45 a.m. — Combined worship service in the chapel sanctuary  
Tuesday:  
11:30 a.m. — Lunch and Bible study  
Wednesday:  
6 p.m. — Bible study, Pioneer Clubs, teen ministries at Bldg. 1052

For information about other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

\*The chapel annex is currently being renovated. All religious education activities are temporarily located in Building 1052, the former 14th Communications Squadron Missions Systems flight facility on First Street.

### Jewish Passover

The Jewish Passover concludes Sunday. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

## Base Notes

### COSC social

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club board members host a southern belle bingo COSC social at 6:30 p.m. May 10 at the Columbus Club. Officers for the 2005-2006 will be elected. The menu is fried chicken, cost is \$10 per person and Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. For reservations, call Cammy Cheater at 434-8915 by noon Thursday.

### Case lot sale

The commissary and base exchange will sponsor a case lot sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7. The Pillsbury Dough Boy and General Mills Honey Bee will make an appearance, and commissary patrons will have the chance to register for prizes sponsored by vendors and given away during the sales. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

### Commissioning opportunity

Enlisted Airman younger than 31 years old and with one to six years of service in the Air Force are eligible to apply for the Scholarships for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC program.

SOAR is a wing commander-endorsed program, and gives squadron and group commanders the opportunity to nominate Airmen they feel would make outstanding Air Force officers.

Candidates are selected at the major command level, and Air Education and Training Command has seven slots available for Fiscal Year 2005.

Applications should be reviewed by the education center staff no later than Sept. 15; individuals that require waivers must have their packages reviewed no later than July 15. For more information, call Larry Brooks at Ext. 2562 or visit [www.afots.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/FY05soar.htm](http://www.afots.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/FY05soar.htm).

## Family Support Center

**(Editor's note:** *All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.*)

### Hug-A-Bear program

The family support center has partnered with the Mississippi State Troopers to sponsor the Hug-A-Bear program.

Now through May 23, BLAZE TEAM members are invited to drop off small, clean, used or new stuffed animals at the family support center.

The troopers will keep the toys in police cars to comfort children whose families are involved in accidents, traffic stops and domestic calls.

### Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

### Bundles of Joy

A workshop for active-duty Air Force spouses who are pregnant or have a child four months or younger is from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday. Speakers will provide information about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. The Air Force Aid Society provides a gift package valued at more than \$50.

### Resumes

A workshop about different types of resumes and how to write one effectively is from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday.

### Heart Link

The next Heart Link spouse orientation is from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. May 9. Spouses will receive prizes and information on protocol, finances, benefits, helping agencies and local conditions. Registration is required by May 5.

### Predatory lenders

A workshop about predatory loan agencies is at 11 a.m. May 12.

### Hearts Apart social

A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 12. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

### Air Force Aid Society

The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. Call the family support center for more information.

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### Today "Robots"

(PG, animated, brief language and suggestive humor, 90 min.)  
Starring: Voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry and Robin Williams.

### Saturday "Hostage"

(R, strong graphic violence, language and some drug use, 113 min.)  
Starring: Bruce Willis and Kevin Pollack.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit [www.cafbgrapevine.com](http://www.cafbgrapevine.com).



**Chuck Wagon Gang concert:** The Chuck Wagon Gang of Fort Worth, Texas, will perform at 7 p.m. today at the Trotter Convention Center. The “Gang” is the single best-selling recording Gospel group in history, having sold more than 36 million recordings in their life-time. The event is a fund-raising program for the Tenn-Tom Chapter of the American Red Cross. Also featured will be the McAdams Quartet with Don McAdams as emcee. Tickets are \$15.00, and children 12 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call 328-5710.

**Parent/Student Institute:** The Mississippi University for Women Roger F. Wicker Center for Creative Learning hosts the Parent/Student Institute from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Room 120 of the campus’ Education and Human Sciences Building. Students in seventh through twelfth grades will receive information on college scholarships and career decisions. Former principal, Dr. Charles Beaman, will speak with parents in Pope Banquet Room on the second floor of the building. Free pizza will be provided for students and a free buffet lunch for par-

ents. Registration is required by Tuesday. For more information, call 241-6101.

**Ballet recital:** Ballet Columbus presents its ballet recital “The Visitor” at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Mississippi University for Women’s Rent Auditorium. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jennifer Colquitt at 328-2141.

**For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).**

## BARGAIN LINE

# Cadet wins collegiate powerlifting nationals

**SAN ANTONIO** — Michael Tuchscherer bench pressed more than twice his body weight during the USA Powerlifting Collegiate Nationals this month, earning him first place.

He is the first cadet to earn this honor in 17 years.

Tuchscherer, from Corydon, Ind., made a national record with a 551-pound bench press. The 262-pound, six-foot cadet also performed a 723-pound squat and a 733-pound dead lift giving him a 2,007-pound total.

Tuchscherer will now compete in the International Powerlifting Federation Junior World Powerlifting Championships, Sept. 5 to 11, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

In other academy sports news, four academy water polo team cadets earned national recognition as selections on the 2004-2005 All-Academic Team. The American Water Polo Coaches Association released a designation of “outstand-

ing” for Kyle Schafer, while Josh Jewett, Chris Nary and Danny Kimmich received “excellent” distinctions.

The Falcons’ baseball team dropped both games of a doubleheader at home April 19 against the University of Northern Colorado. The Bears rallied with four runs in the bottom of the seventh to win Game 1, 6-5, and despite blowing a 10-1 lead, held off the Falcons for a 12-10, 10-inning win in Game 2. The academy team also lost 20-9 at San Diego State University on April 23 in a seven inning contest. San Diego State also won 9-8 in extra innings April 24 in San Diego. The win gave San Diego a four-game series sweep of Air Force in Mountain West Conference play. The Falcons fall to 5-32 on the season and 0-16 in league play. The Aztecs improved to 15-24 and 9-7.

John Smith tallied a career-high three goals, including the game-winner, to pace the Air Force lacrosse team to an 11-8 come-from-behind victory while hosting league foe Butler University on April 22. On April 23, the Falcons were unable to answer a fourth-quarter flurry by Ohio State University and lost 11-7 at home. The win and loss move the Falcons to 4-7 on the season, 1-3 in the league, while the Buckeyes improve to 5-6, 2-1 and the Bulldogs fall to 4-6, 0-3.

With a disappointing third round, the academy golf team wrapped up its regular season with a 19th-place finish at the PING Cougar Classic on April 23, scoring an 877 for the weekend at the 7,001-yard, par-72 Riverside Country Club. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

## Shorts

### Soccer balls for Iraq

The youth sports program is in need of two t-ball coaches for ages 5 to 7. The upcoming season will last until mid June. For more information, call youth sports director Estrella Casanova at Ext. 2504.

### Lady BLAZE softball

Females interested in playing intramural softball for the Lady BLAZE team can call Shera Ferrell at 434-6991 or Stephanie Clark at 574-7287 for more information.

### Muscle Mania 2005

Muscle Mania, Columbus AFB’s annual bench press competition, is scheduled for May 14 at the fitness and sports center. The competition is open to all BLAZE TEAM members, but active-duty Air Force participants will receive the opportunity to compete at the major command-level at Little Rock, AFB, Ark., June 4. Male and female categories will be based on

weight class, and weigh-ins begin at 9 a.m. the day of the competition. For more information or to register, stop by the fitness center or call Ext. 2772.

### No-tap bowling tourney

This tournament begins at 6 p.m. May 20 at the bowling center. The entry fee is \$15 — \$5 for bowling and \$10 will contribute to the prize fund. For more information, call the bowling center at Ext. 2426.

### Three-club golf tourney

This 18-stroke play tournament begins at 8 a.m. May 21 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Players are only allowed three clubs of their choice. To sign up, call the golf pro shop at Ext. 7932.

### Soccer balls for Iraq

The YMCA Board of Directors and Amory Kiwanis Club are currently collecting new or used soccer balls to send to Iraq. Some troops have discovered the children there enjoy soccer. Donations may be dropped off at the fitness and sports center. Call Ext. 2772.

### Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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## Runners ... start your watches ...



Runners set their watches before beginning the Earth Day fun run Saturday in front of the fitness and sports center. The event, sponsored by the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, gave more than 75 BLAZE TEAM members the opportunity to celebrate Earth Day by completing a 10.7-mile run or Volksmarch.

2nd Lt. Jennifer Alecci